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RESTRICTIONS ON INDIAN BASMATI BY EU
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the present export of Basmati rice to European Union;

(b) whether European Union have changed the current import system of Basmati and fixed the quantity of the Basmati rice that India can export to EU market;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the extent to which the decision of EU would hit the export of Basmati from India; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to prevent loss to Indian exporters of Basmati rice?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) : A total quantity of 100794 MT valued at Rs. 293.97 crores was exported to the European Union during 2001-02. (Source : DGCI&S, Calcutta).

(b) : Till date, there has been no change in the current EU import system of basmati rice.

(c) to (e) : Do not arise.